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Methods for Laundering Delicate Garments in a Washing Machine FOR:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY DATED APRIL 20, 2004

The Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 20, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. Support for the amendment to Claims 1, 16, 20, and 24 is found on page 7, lines 20 - 26.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.